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        Checks for the statutory filing fee of $770.00, the excess claim fee of $396.00 and the excess independent claim fee of $430.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

        Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Germany	101 27 227.8	May 22, 2001

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/152,290.

        The application is timely filed.

                                    Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Application of Alexander EPPLE and Helmut BEIERL
       CATADIOPTRIC REDUCTION LENS
       Assignee: CARL ZEISS SMT AG
       Our Ref: Q79380

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/152,290 (Confirmation No. 4601) filed May 22, 2002 of Alexander EPPLE and Helmut BEIERL entitled CATADIOPTRIC REDUCTION LENS.

Attached hereto is the Continuation Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) tables, and five (5) sheets of drawings, and copies of the Declaration and priority document cover page, along with a Form PTO SB/08 listing documents filed in the parent application.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	42	-	20	=	22	x $18.00 =	$396.00
Independent claims	8	-	3	=	5	x $86.00 =	$430.00
Base Fee							$770.00

TOTAL FEE $1596.00